

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1626

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Lieutenant Phillip A. Tomerlin of Wilson County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Lieutenant Phillip A. Tomerlin; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Tomerlin was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a 1960 graduate of Lebanon High School, Lieutenant Tomerlin was an officer with the Wilson County Sheriff's Office for thirty-seven years, serving his community from 1984 to 2021 as a deputy, sergeant, and lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, he was a graduate of the 796th session of the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy, and he also served as a security officer at Texas Boot Company for thirty-six years; and

WHEREAS, known to most as "P.T.," Lieutenant Tomerlin was a steadfast member of the Fraternal Order of Police Sam Houston Lodge #71, and he regularly devoted his time to causes that sought to better his community; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Tomerlin was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by two sons, Greg Tomerlin and Jeff (Annette) Tomerlin; two grandchildren, Savannah and Cody Tomerlin; a sister, Shirley Malone; a brother, Robert Shannon (Mary Margaret) Tomerlin; and the mother of his sons, Geraldine Tomerlin; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Janie Lee Shannon Tomerlin; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Tomerlin leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Lieutenant Phillip A. Tomerlin, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Lieutenant Tomerlin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.